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REMARKS

Applicants provisionally elect the species illustrated by Figure 1. Claims 1-21 read on this species.

The Office Action contends that the rejections made against the claims in the previous Office Action are proper and that the claims must be amended to define over the cited references. However, Applicants believe that the claims already define over the cited references. Specifically, as pointed out in Applicants' previous response (dated August 31, 2005), the cited references fail to teach or suggest at least the feature "a thrust shaft comprising an external threaded surface in threaded communication with a sealed housing".

It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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